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Mr. Francis J. Biros  
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Dear Mr. Biros:

Re: Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill Superfund Site

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your July 25, 1997 correspondence to Decker Manufacturing Corporation ("Decker") regarding the above-referenced site. Decker would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and representatives of US EPA to discuss settlement of the United States' past costs claim. As your letter suggests, there may be information relevant to Decker's alleged equitable share that you would need to receive in advance of any such meeting. Decker is in the process of identifying all such information and documents. Similarly, Decker would like to review the United States' documentation regarding the costs allegedly incurred in connection with this site, including any costs reimbursed by other parties. As part of Decker's evaluation of its alleged equitable share, Decker would also like to review the documents contained in the administrative record regarding US EPA's decision to undertake the relevant response action(s) and to incur the costs now being sought. Depending on the volume of documents that are responsive to this request, it may be more efficient for Decker to review the documents at US EPA's offices and to identify specific documents to be copied. Please let me know if a formal Freedom of Information Act request is necessary.

Obviously, Decker would want to review these documents before the settlement meeting. Decker, however, is amenable to setting the settlement meeting date now, with that date being conditional upon the ability of both parties to exchange documents beforehand. In the alternative, we could set the meeting date after exchanging the requested documents.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

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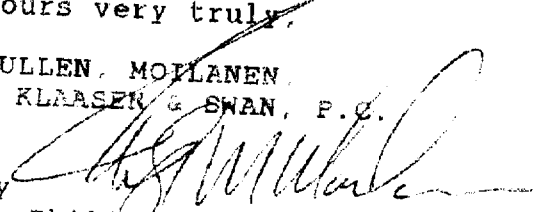
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Thank you for the opportunity to discuss a potential amicable resolution of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

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